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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1940

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK

SUBJ: NKOMO PRESS COMMENTS AFTER MEETING WITH CONSULTATIVE  
GROUP

REF: (A) LUSAKA 1901; (B) LUSAKA 1917

1. JULY 8 TIMES OF ZAMBIA REPORTED NKOMO COMMENTS TO PRESS  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER JULY 7 MEETING WITH CONSULTATIVE GROUP.  
OVERALL TENOR OF REPORT IS THAT NKOMO POSED FUNDAMENTAL  
QUESTION TO CG WHICH WAS NOT SATISFACTORILY ANSWERED: WHO  
WOULD CONTROL RHODESIA'S ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE DURING  
THE CARETAKER PERIOD? NKOMO PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE  
VIEW THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT MUST HAVE EXCLUSIVE CONTROL  
DURING THIS PERIOD AND TALK OF ANYTHING ELSE IS RELATIVELY  
SUPERFLUOUS: "WE WANT TO BE CERTAIN OF WHO IS GOING TO RUN  
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THE COUNTRY DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD AND WHAT FORCES ARE  
GOING TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER AT THAT TIME...REMOVING  
THE CAUSES OF WAR IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT NOW BECAUSE IF AN  
INTERIM GOVERNMENT IS SET UP WITHOUT PRECONDITION, IT IS  
BOUND TO BREAK." NKOMO ALSO REJECTED ANY MORE TO LEAVE  
SMITH'S ARMY INTACT DURING THE CARETAKER PERIOD BECAUSE  
THE RHODESIAN FORCES ARE "RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENOCIDE OF

OUR PEOPLE."

2. COMMENT: NKOMO'S BRIEF COMMENTS AFTER MEETING THE CG  
RAN PARALLEL TO HIS JULY 6 PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL A) AND  
HIS POINT THAT THE CHARACTER OF THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT  
IS THE MAIN SUBJECT AS REPORTED IN PARAS 2 AND 5 OF REFTL  
B. WE INTERPRET HIS COMMENT ON THE INFEASIBILITY OF AN INTERIM  
GOVERNMENT SET UP WITHOUT PRECONDITION TO MEAN THAT AN  
APOLITICAL CARETAKER GOVERNMENT CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT THE  
SUPPORT OF AND FULL PARTICIPATION AND CONTROL BY THE MAJORITY  
OF THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE, I.E., THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.  
IMPRESSION GIVEN FROM LOCAL PRESS IS THAT NKOMO'S DEMAND  
FOR TOTAL CONTROL OF THE CARETAKER MACHINERY MAY HAVE  
STALEMATED AT BEST THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE.  
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